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ANNUAL MEETING.

JANUARY 1, 1867.

JAMES HUNT, Esq., Ph.D., F.S.A., F.R.S.L., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer submitted the following balance-sheet, which had been passed by the auditors:—

<i>Income.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance from last year...	56	4 11	Rent	65	0 0
Subscriptions for 1863 ...	3	19 11	Salaries.....	262	10 0
Do. 1864 ...	30	2 4	Office expenditure	119	2 9
Do. 1865 ...	71	16 2	Stationery	56	14 0
Do. 1866 ...	1023	18 8	Furniture.....	35	4 3
Do. 1867 ...	16	13 3	Postage.....	67	11 8
Life compositions	161	14 9	Advertisements	84	16 0
Donations to Library and			Library and Museum.....	18	17 3
Museum Fund.....	1	1 0	Reporting.....	23	12 6
Publications sold:—			Memoirs	210	17 6
Waitz	13	3 9	Anthrop. Rev. & Journal	296	0 4
Vogt	25	8 7	Vogt	50	0 0
Blumenbach	5	0 7	Blumenbach	50	0 0
Gastaldi	10	0 0	Gastaldi	25	13 2
Broca.....	3	19 3	Capt. B. Pim's meeting		
Pouchet.....	7	12 2	Expenses	3	12 0
Books sold at office...	17	17 6	Miscellaneous printing...	142	9 6
Donation to Exploring			Explorations	100	0 0
Fund.....	67	2 0			
Total received...	1515	14 10	Total expended	1613	2 10
By Treasurer's loan.....	200	0 0	Balance in hand.....	102	12 0
	£1715	14 10		£1715	14 10

D. I. HEATH, *Treasurer.*

Examined and approved.

SAM. R. I. OWEN, }
 J. E. VILLIN, } *Auditors.*

January 1, 1867.

The following Report of the Council was read:—

Report of Council.

THE Council of the Society, on terminating the year 1866, and entering upon the fifth year of the Society's existence, has to report the continued prosperity which has attended its operations during the past year.

Meetings.—During the year 1866, fifteen meetings have been held, at which the following papers have been read:—

J. MEYER HARRIS, Esq., F.R.S., F.A.S.L. "On the Gallinas of Sierra Leone."

G. W. MARSHALL, Esq., LL.M., F.A.S.L. "On Genealogy in relation to Anthropology."

- Capt. BEDFORD PIM, R.N., F.A.S.L. "On the Negro, at Home and Abroad."
- HYDE CLARKE, Esq., LL.D., Loc. Sec. A.S.L. "On Moravian Wallachia."
- H. J. C. BEAVAN, Esq., Hon. Sec. "Notes on the People inhabiting Spain."
- HYDE CLARKE, Esq., LL.D., "Observations on the Materials for Anthropology at Smyrna."
- T. BAINES, Esq. "On Articles of Dress and Implements of War from Africa."
- L. O. PIKE, Esq., F.A.S.L. "On the Psychological Characteristics of the English People."
- A. HIGGINS, Esq., Hon. For. Sec. A.S.L. "On the Orthographic Delineation of the Skull."
- W. H. WESLEY, Esq., F.A.S.L. "On the Iconography of the Skull."
- C. CARTER BLAKE, Esq., F.G.S., F.A.S.L. "On certain Simious Skulls, with especial reference to a Skull from Louth, in Ireland."
- Dr. PAUL BROCA, Sec. Gen. Soc. Anth. Paris. "On a new Goniometer, for the Measurement of the Facial Triangle."
- GEORGE PETRIE, Esq., Loc. Sec. A.S.L. "Notes on the Brochs and Picts' Houses of Orkney."
- JOSEPH ANDERSON, Esq., Hon. Sec. A.S.L. "Report on the Ancient Remains of Caithness."
- JOHN CLEGHORN, Esq. "A New Reading of Shell-Mounds and Graves in Caithness."
- G. PETRIE, Esq., Loc. Sec. A.S.L. "On Human Remains from Keiss."
- JOSEPH ANDERSON, Esq., Loc. Sec. A.S.L. "On Human Remains from Keiss."
- R. I. SHEARER, Esq. "On Human Remains from Keiss."
- Dr. J. HUNT, Pres. A.S.L. "On Human Remains from Keiss."
- W. BOLLAERT, Esq., Hon. Sec. A.S.L. "Contributions to an Introduction to the Anthropology of the New World."
- Capt. R. F. BURTON, V.P.A.S.L. "Notes on an Hermaphrodite."
- Major SAMUEL R. I. OWEN, F.A.S.L. "On Hindu Neology."
- Dr. JOHN SHORTT, F.A.S.L. "On a Living Microcephale."
- E. SELLON, Esq. "On Sacti Puja."
- R. B. N. WALKER, Esq. "On the Fecundity of Negro Women."
- HODDER M. WESTROPP, Esq. "On the Analogous Forms of Flint Implements."
- Col. BEAUCHAMP WALKER, Lieut. ARDAGH, C. CARTER BLAKE, and W. TOPLEY, F.G.S. "On a Kjökkenmödding at Newhaven."
- Capt. R. F. BURTON, V.P.A.S.L. "On a Kjökkenmödding at Santos."
- Rev. W. H. BRET. "On the Opening of a Tumulus at Essiquibo."
- Dr. BEDDOE. "On the Head-forms of the West of England."
- J. P. MORRIS, Esq. "Report on the Kirkhead Bone Cave at Ulverstone."
- Dr. JAMES HUNT, F.S.A., Pres. A.S.L. "On the Influence of Peat in Destroying the Human Body."
- Dr. JAMES HUNT, F.S.A., Pres. A.S.L. "On the Interpretation of some Inscriptions on Stones found in Zetland."
- Dr. B. SEEMANN, V.P.A.S.L. "On the Resemblance between Inscribed Stones in Veraguas and in Northumberland."

- Dr. BOWER. "On the History of Slavery."
 Dr. A. MITCHELL, F.A.S.L. "On the Influence of Blood-relationship in Marriage."
 C. CARTER BLAKE, Esq., F.G.S. "Report on the Anthropological Papers read at Nottingham."
 Rev. DUNBAR I. HEATH, M.A., Treas. A.S.L. "Report on the Formation of an Anthropological Society at Manchester."
 C. CARTER BLAKE, Esq., F.G.S., F.A.S.L. "Report on the Belgian Bone Caves."
 A. HIGGINS, Esq., Hon. For. Sec. A.S.L. "Report on Scandinavian Museums."
 Rev. DUNBAR I. HEATH, M.A., Treas. A.S.L. "On the Great Race Elements in Christianity."
 Col. LANE FOX, F.S.A. "On the Remains of Lake Habitations in London Wall."
 Rev. DUNBAR I. HEATH, M.A., Treas. A.S.L. "On Mute Societies of Man."

The total number of Fellows on the Society's books is at present 706.

Honorary Fellows.—No Honorary Fellow has been elected in 1866.

Corresponding Members.—The number of Corresponding Members on the Society's books amounts to forty-two.

Local Secretaries (Great Britain).—The number of Local Secretaries in Great Britain amounts to forty-nine. Your Council would especially draw your attention to the fact that many of the Local Secretaries have neglected to communicate with the Society during the past year, and that the Local Secretaries in England form, in this respect, an unenviable contrast with those abroad. Your Council submit for your consideration some rules respecting the election and retention of these officers.

Local Secretaries Abroad.—The number of Local Secretaries abroad has been now increased to fifty-seven.

Executive.—In the report of Council for last year it was stated that Mr. T. Bendyshe had thrown out a suggestion for the more effectual management of the Society's affairs by the appointment of a director as its chief responsible officer. His opinion concerning the matter had grown so strong in the early months of the present year, and so convinced was he of the great desirability, not to say necessity, for such a change, that at a meeting of Council in May last, he laid before them this resolution—"That it is expedient the executive be strengthened." Due deliberation by all the officers of the Society, and long discussion by a full Council, resulted in the endorsement of the views of Mr. Bendyshe, and in the motion of the following series of resolutions by the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Beavan:—

"1. That the Council are of opinion that it would be desirable that the offices of Honorary Secretaries and Honorary Foreign Secretary be abolished, and that the three offices be incorporated into one, under the title of Director.

"2. That this Council considers it advisable that any expenses incurred by this officer on behalf of the Society, and approved of by the Council, shall be refunded to him.

"3. That the number of Vice-Presidents be increased from four to six.

"4. That the foregoing Resolutions be referred to the Publication Committee, to be incorporated in the regulations, and that the same be submitted to the next general meeting of the Society.

"5. That this Council is also of opinion that from the time of the above Resolutions taking effect, the Assistant Secretary shall have the title of Secretary.

"6. That the Secretary and the Curator and Librarian both act immediately under the orders of the Director.

"7. That during the remainder of the present year, the President be requested to undertake the duties which will be hereafter assigned to the Director.

(Signed)

"HUGH J. C. BEAVAN, *Hon. Sec. A.S.L.*

"15th May, 1866."

These Resolutions were each and all carried unanimously, and are now embodied in this Report for your approval to-day.

On recommending this change, the Council desire briefly to state the principle which has guided them in their decision. The offices of the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Foreign Secretary, however well they may be filled by gentlemen of high attainments and great energy, appear to be too limited in their range of action in respect of responsibility, and too little under immediate direction in virtue of their individual irresponsibility, to allow of the efficient discharge of the numerous and varied duties allotted to them. This undesirable complication has been much aggravated since the appointment of the salaried officers, who, under existing rules, receive their instructions from three separate Secretaries, who again are collectively, not in their individual capacities, responsible to the Council. As might be expected, such a state of ill-defined authority has resulted in a loss of executive power, and as a natural sequence the interests of the Society have suffered to some appreciable extent.

This proposed change of merging the offices of the Honorary Secretaries into that of a Director, who will be immediately responsible to the Council, is intended to remedy a defect which has been long seen and understood in the present organisation. The Curator and Secretary will in future (should this receive your sanction) be placed under the control of one officer.

It is the decided and well-considered opinion of the Council that the removal of the above defect in the manner indicated will give a strength and stability to the Society which may not have been necessary in its early years to insure the brilliant success it has attained, but which it will assuredly want in the future, when its prosperity will depend solely on the good and substantial work it accomplishes, not partly as hitherto, on the novelty of its aims and objects.

On considering the most important question that will be laid before you on this occasion, namely, the appointment of a gentleman to occupy that irksome, highly responsible, and not very enviable office of Director of the Society's affairs, the Council recognises one who possesses all the requisite qualifications, and who is able to steer us clear of any difficulties that may arise in future years, and who has the

energy and will to exercise these qualities for the complete and lasting establishment of the Society. The determined retirement of Dr. Hunt from the Presidency this year affords your Council an opportunity of placing on record a few words, inadequate though they must necessarily be, in testimony of his rare qualities and of the debt we, as a Society, owe to him.

As Founder of the Anthropological Society of London, he has earned a world-wide reputation, and his name will always be inseparably connected with the most brilliant early career of any scientific society hitherto in the history of such bodies. But only those whose lot has thrown them in association with him can possibly know, and not all those perhaps can possibly understand, how rare are the administrative ability, the keen foresight, and the admirable tact and judgment which are united in his character. In him we see an example of that individuality which is so indispensable to a successful leader ; of firmness in conjunction with wise yielding, when new light is thrown on his path, and another course is to be preferred, as opposed to the stubborn will that brooks no opposition.

The difficulties attending on the successful working of a society which is almost entirely new in its scope of systematically pursued studies are enormous, and, even if it were desirable, could not be here detailed. Your President leaves the chair this day to his successor, amid our deep regret ; but with such qualifications as almost turn our regrets into congratulations. It is our pleasure to announce to you that Dr. Hunt, heartily wishing for the prosperity of the Society, and holding in high esteem your earnest wish to see that prosperity extended in the future, has consented (though, your council are aware, at a large sacrifice of time and personal convenience) to fill the office of Director, should you think fit to endorse their recommendation.

That office, however, in the opinion of the council, should be made on two conditions. 1st. Of its permanency ; for the complete organisation, that seems so necessary for the retention of the present number of members on our list, will be still more required when the Society has passed its early years, during which the curiosity attending most undertakings of a character entirely new, has worn off. The greatest diligence will in future be required to retain the proud position in which the President has placed us, and also to gain that useful extension of the Society which the council has in contemplation. 2nd. Of its remuneration. On this question it is anticipated there can hardly be a difference of opinion as to the wisdom of the condition. No man can be expected to undertake, and no council would presume to recommend, that work of the extent and nature involved in the management of so large a society, should be undertaken by any gentleman for a continuance on any other condition. Our President has already, during the last four years, made larger sacrifices than members can be aware of ; and to those sacrifices, of personal inconvenience, we owe our present position. Our financial state does not now allow of the attachment to the new office of a salary ; but your Council consider it most desirable that as soon as our treasury will permit it, an *honorarium* shall be attached thereto.

The above proposed changes have been deliberately drawn up after careful discussion in Committee and in Council, and are incorporated in the amended Rules, which are submitted to you for your consideration and approval.

Apartments.—The Society's rooms during the past year have been much frequented, and have undergone considerable improvement. The south end of the large room is now furnished with two book-cases, which it is calculated will meet all the probable additions to the Society's Library during the next six months. There is a great probability that these rooms may be required for the enlargement of the National Gallery; when this takes place, your Council earnestly recommend that application be made to Her Majesty's Ministers for suitable apartments for a society having for its object the investigation of the principles on which all good and sound government must be conducted.

Library.—The condition of the Library during the past year has been such as to call for considerable congratulation. The book-shelves above alluded to have been easily almost filled, and the books have for the convenience of arrangement been temporarily classified under the five heads, Archaic, Historical, Descriptive, Comparative Anthropology, and Periodical Publications. The state of the books themselves has been sedulously examined, and a catalogue of all works in the possession of the Society up to the end of last Session has been in the hands of the printer for more than five months. It is to be hoped that it will be soon issued to the Fellows. Donations have been received for the Library from the following gentlemen:—T. Bendyshe, Esq., V.P.A.S.L.; Dr. J. Hillier Blount; Dr. Paul Broca; C. Carter Blake, Esq., F.G.S., F.A.S.L.; Charles Blake, Esq.; Dr. Richard S. Charnock, F.S.A.; J. W. Conrad Cox, Esq., B.A.; S. Edwin Collingwood, Esq., F.Z.S., F.A.S.L.; J. Fred. Collingwood, Esq., F.G.S., F.A.S.L.; Dr. Barnard Davis, F.S.A., F.A.S.L.; J. Downe, Esq., F.A.S.L.; Dr. P. M. Duncan, Hon. Sec. G.S., F.A.S.L.; W. Eassie, Esq., F.G.S., F.A.S.L.; Dr. B. Foster, F.A.S.L.; Prof. Garbiglietti; James Gowans, Esq., F.A.S.L.; A. Higgins, Esq., Hon. For. Sec. A.S.L.; G. A. Hutchinson, Esq.; Prof. Hansen; Dr. James Hunt, F.S.A., Pres. A.S.L.; M. Louis Lartet; K. R. H. Mackenzie, Esq., F.S.A., F.A.S.L.; Prof. Möbius; G. W. Marshall, Esq.; J. E. Morgan, Esq.; Dr. Nicolucci; C. O. Groom Napier, Esq., F.G.S., F.A.S.L.; Prof. Owen, Hon. F.A.S.L.; M. Pruner-Bey, Hon. F.A.S.L.; G. N. Rankin, Esq.; B. Seemann, Esq., V.P.A.S.L.; W. Scott, Esq.; Dr. Ryan Tenison; Dr. Thurnam; W. Topley, Esq.; N. Trübner, Esq.; R. B. N. Walker, Esq.; Dr. Zeltner.

Museum.—The Council regret that, owing to the state of the Society's finances, they have not been able during the year 1866 to carry out the recommendation they made last year that a large glass case should be erected in the principal room of the Society to contain our rapidly increasing collection of crania. They trust, however, that the improved condition of the funds of the Society in 1867 may admit of the necessary expence being incurred for this very important object. Donations have been received from the following gentlemen:—J. Bainbridge Baxter, Esq., M.R.C.S.; E. B. Bogg, Esq., M.D.;

The Belgian Minister of the Interior; Dr. Collyer; F. Chittenden, Esq., M.R.C.S.; S. Edwin Collingwood, Esq., F.Z.S., F.A.S.L.; J. Fraser, Esq., F.A.S.L.; J. R. Gregory, Esq., F.A.S.L.; M. Lartet, Hon. F.A.S.L.; W. F. Lawrence, Esq.; H. Prigg, Esq., jun., F.G.S.; R. W. Payne, Esq., F.A.S.L.; W. Salmon, Esq.; Dr. Shortt, F.A.S.L.; Dr. F. Skues, F.A.S.L.; Dr. Ryan Tenison, F.A.S.L.; R. B. N. Walker, Esq., F.A.S.L.

Increase of Members.—The question of increasing the number of Foundation Fellows has on several occasions been laid before the Council during the past year. They have expressed the extreme difficulty of maintaining the Society in its present condition of working organisation with a small number of members, and have felt that a much larger number is necessary in order to carry out adequately the objects proposed in the first prospectus of the Society. After due and careful deliberation they have thought it their duty to recommend that the number of Foundation Fellows be increased to 2000, feeling that the large income required to carry out the objects of the Society and maintain its efficiency in working order, can only be attained by this increase in the number of the Foundation Fellows. In the early history of the Society it was thought possible to accomplish this object with five hundred Fellows. Your Council find, however, that to conduct the affairs of the Society on the liberal and comprehensive basis now demanded for it, requires a vast increase upon the original calculation. Your Council have expressed a wish to the President that he should touch on this subject in his Address, as it is far too extensive to be embodied in this Report.

Translations.—The Council have not been able to issue any translations during the past year, but they are happy to state that the translation of the work of Retzius, undertaken by Mr. Higgins, is in the printer's hands. Arrangements have been made for illustrating this work by a series of plates. The translation of the Paris instructions for anthropologists and travellers is also in an advanced condition, and will be issued to Fellows of the Society during the present year. The Council are happy to state that the editing of this important work has been kindly accepted by Dr. Beddoe. They hope that the importance of this work, and its appearance under such auspices, will lead to an increased amount of interest in the means by which anthropological observations are recorded.

Memoirs.—The second volume of the Society's *Memoirs* was issued during the past autumn. The Council hope that the circulation of the second volume of *Memoirs* will be equal to that of the first. In the last annual report it was announced that the first volume of *Memoirs* was nearly out of print. At the present time the number of copies is exceedingly small, and those Fellows who wish to complete their sets of the Society's works should make immediate application.

Anthropological Review and Journal of the Society.—This publication has been issued, as heretofore, quarterly to the Fellows. It is hoped that the arrangements which were made last year, by which the delivery of written speeches before the Society was prevented, has relieved the *Journal* of much superfluous matter.

The Council have received from the proprietors of the *Anthropological Review* an offer of all the back numbers in stock as a donation to the Society. This liberal offer has accordingly been accepted.

Anthropological Exploration Fund.—In June last, a circular informed the Fellows of the Society that it had been resolved to form a special fund, for the purpose of carrying on original researches in archaic anthropology, under the title of the “Anthropological Exploration Fund”. This circular was promptly responded to, and the following sums received :—

	£	s.	d.
Dr. James Hunt, Pres. A.S.L.	10	0	0
Rev. Dunbar I. Heath, Treas. A.S.L.	10	0	0
W. Robinson, Esq., F.A.S.L.	5	0	0
Henry Johnson, Esq., F.A.S.L.	10	0	0
C. Carter Blake, Esq., F.G.S., F.A.S.L.	5	0	0
James Bischoff, Esq., F.A.S.L.	5	0	0
George Harris, Esq., F.S.A., F.A.S.L., Pres. Branch Manchester Society	5	0	0
John Parnell, Esq., F.A.S.L.	5	0	0
George C. Joad, Esq., F.A.S.L.	5	0	0
T. E. Partridge, Esq., F.A.S.L.	5	0	0
H. Charlton, Esq., F.A.S.L.	1	1	0
T. Wodderspoon, Esq.	1	1	0
	£67	2	0

These sums were applied as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
To Joseph Anderson, Esq., Soc. Lec. A.S.L., for Explorations in Caithness	10	0	0
G. Petrie, Esq., Loc. Sec. A.S.L., Explorations in Orkney	5	0	0
A. Higgins, Esq., Report on Scandinavian Museums	10	0	0
C. Carter Blake, Esq., Report on Belgian Bone Caves.....	20	0	0
Dr. James Hunt, Dorsetshire Explorations.....	20	0	0
	£65	0	0

It is much to be desired that additional funds should be raised.

Days of Meeting.—During the recess, some difficulty arose as to the days fixed for the meeting of the Society. Our card was drawn up on the same principle as that which has regulated it during the past three years. These days have now received the unanimous sanction of the Council of the Royal Society of Literature, and, to prevent any further misunderstanding, are now incorporated in our Rules.

Conversazione.—Our ordinary meeting-room was, however, not available for the day on which the first ordinary meeting was fixed, and your Council decided to hold a conversazione, the success of which was they considered sufficiently great to warrant a repetition of the attempt another year.

Branch Societies.—The Council have incorporated in the Rules the arrangements that have been made for the management of Branch Societies.

British Association.—The official report which has been already laid before the Society by Mr. Carter Blake has stated to you the circumstances under which a department of the British Association was created under Section D, and devoted to Anthropological Science. The

Council have felt it their duty to remind you of the fact, inasmuch as the arrangements entered into at Nottingham, being avowedly of a temporary nature, its continuance at the Dundee meeting must depend entirely on the energy and industry of Anthropologists. They, therefore, beg to urge that all papers intended for the Dundee meeting shall be sent in at least a fortnight before-hand, and hope that a far larger amount of papers will be sent in. While congratulating the Society on the successful establishment of a department for the Science of Man, your Council hope that the events of the last few years may act as an encouragement to those timid anthropologists whom the dread of being in a minority may have deterred from expressing their individual opinions.

To those gentlemen who have been chiefly instrumental in the accomplishment of this success we should tender our best and warmest thanks to Dr. Hunt, in the first place, whose leadership in the struggle with the determined and powerful opposition of the Committee of the Association has extended over four years; to Mr. Carter Blake, whose zeal and constant work in the cause is far better known in the Association than in our Society; and to Professor Huxley, whose influence with that body was largely exercised for the benefit of anthropological recognition. To the latter gentleman's honest and disinterested action in the matter of his impartial conduct as President of the Section of Biology, and his general courtesy to the delegates and members of this Society, our best acknowledgments and thanks are due.

Conclusion.—The Council have only, in concluding this report, to impress on the minds of each individual Fellow the necessity of vigorous action to attain the proper number of the Society. If each Fellow were to nominate a single friend as member, the Society would be at once doubled in number. Some Fellows have nominated a considerable number, and all can nominate at least one. United and active exertion alone can place the Society's finance in the position they must eventually occupy, and the Council hope that the next year (1867) will close with a Society at least double its present limits.

Signed on behalf of the Council,

DUNBAR I. HEATH, *Chairman*.

December 18, 1866.

Dr. KING said that the report of Council was a faithful record of the past year. A large amount had been received and a large amount expended, and the fruit of the expenditure, which was of great value, was in the hands of the Society. The publications of the Society *alone* would account for the expenditure, without mentioning original investigations conducted on a large scale. The report of the Council was so complete that there was nothing to be said on that point, but he must be allowed to say a few words as regarded Dr. Hunt, who retired that day as President of the Society. His labours, commencing with the formation of the Society, himself the Founder, were incessant and uninterrupted, and aided by his Council, the Society had reached a position both as to the number of its Members and the extent of its publications and original investigations, which has not been surpassed by any scientific society; he therefore had great pleasure in proposing that the report of Council just read be adopted.

W. C. BONNERJEE, Esq., F.G.S., in seconding the resolution, said that the report was so full and so accurate, and the recommendations which it contained were so just, that to ensure the future prosperity of the society he thought it should be adopted at once.

The motion was then put, and carried unanimously.

The newly-revised rules and regulations were then read to the meeting. The following are the new rules :—

3. The Society shall consist of a President, six Vice-Presidents, a Director, a Treasurer, Fellows, Honorary Fellows, Corresponding Members, and Local Secretaries.

4. The government of the Society shall be vested in the President, the Vice-Presidents, Director, Treasurer, and twenty ordinary Members of Council to be elected as hereinafter directed, as well as *ex-officio* all ex-Presidents of the Anthropological Society of London, and the Presidents of Local Branch Societies.

19. The Council may appoint Local Secretaries in this or in other countries, whose duty it shall be to communicate regularly with the executive, and to give the earliest intimation of any discovery relating to the anthropology of their respective localities. Every such appointment shall continue only during the pleasure of the Council. Such Local Secretaries shall be chosen as far as possible from the Fellows of this Society. Gentlemen holding this office and not being Fellows of the Society, shall be entitled to attend the meetings and to such other privileges as the Council may from time to time decide.

32. The Council shall be empowered to grant a remittal or abatement of subscription fees in a limited number of cases, when it may be found desirable to elect gentlemen to the Fellowship who are distinguished for their service to anthropological science, and to whom the usual payments may be impossible or highly inconvenient.

42. The Director shall have a general charge of all the arrangements, and of the execution of all the orders of the Council and of the Society. He shall conduct the correspondence ; attend the meetings, and direct the business of the same. He shall see that a note of the papers read at the ordinary meetings is inserted in the Minutes, and that all such minutes of the proceedings, whether of the Society or of the Council, are entered in the several minute-books.

46. The Council shall be empowered, from time to time, to appoint gentlemen to deliver lectures before the Society on various branches of anthropology, under such limitation and restriction as they may deem desirable.

The Rev. DUNBAR I. HEATH, M.A., moved that the proposed rules be adopted.

EDOUARD VILLIN, Esq., F.R.S.L., seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

The President appointed Dr. F. Royston Fairbank, and J. Mason Hepworth, Esq., to be Scrutineers for the ballot, which was declared open.

Colonel LANE FOX moved "That the thanks of the Society be given to the retiring members of Council, Messrs. Higgins, Rolph, North, and Tate for their services during the past year."

Mr. A. RAMSAY, jun., F.G.S., seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Major OWEN, F.L.S., moved "That the thanks of the Society be given to the President, Vice-President, and Council, for their services during the past year." He congratulated the Society on its flourishing condition, which he considered to be owing to the energy by which the affairs of the Society had been managed.

Mr. J. LANCASTER, in eulogistic terms, seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Dr. HUNT, as the retiring President, and Dr. GIBB, on the part of the Council, acknowledged the honour conferred on them.

M. ROBERT DES RUFFIÈRES moved, and Dr. F. ROYSTON FAIRBANK seconded, "That the thanks of the Society be given to the auditors."

Obituary Notices.

Dr. J. HILLIER BLOUNT, whose untimely decease the Society has to deplore, was, in early life, much connected with medicine in Paris, where, as the friend and pupil of the eminent Falret, he was the first to introduce to a British public the teachings of that celebrated medical psychologist.

In later life he resided at Bagshot, in Surrey, where he devoted himself to literature, and to the investigation of the phenomena of hybridity, heredity and atavism. In the spring of the past year he accepted a medical appointment at Assam, to which he proceeded in the capacity of local secretary to the Society; but, unfortunately, died before he was able to render the Society any essential service. On leaving England he presented the Society with the whole of his library relating to human psychology; and his genial disposition, combined with his high scientific attainments, render his loss very painful to all who knew him.

Dr. LEE, Q.C., LL.D., the celebrated patron of science, and founder of the Syro-Egyptian and Royal Astronomical Societies, died in his 83rd year, during the present spring. His early career is so connected with the process of general science, that I shall not here offer a detailed biography, but will call your attention to the fact that, at the meeting of the British Association at Birmingham, he supported the claims for the special recognition of anthropological science most warmly, and joined the society for the express purpose of vindicating the position of anthropology at the British Association. His travels during early life in Turkey, Egypt, and the Ionian Isles, had strongly imbued him with the idea that race-distinctions were of the highest possible importance in the study of man; and his vigorous support of the cause of anthropology at Birmingham should prove an example to those who, like him, may have reached an advanced age, but who, unlike him, do not possess that flexibility of mind and enlarged views which were so specially characteristic of our deceased Fellow.

CHARLES GROVES died, on the 15th of May last, at Wareham, in Dorsetshire, aged 73. Mr. Groves was made our local secretary for the district in which he resided on the first formation of the Society. He was a man who helped forward the cause of scientific investigation